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In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, mailed August 15, 2007, Appellant submits the attached Amended Appeal Brief. The Amended Appeal brief presents arguments under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal.

It is believed that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Amended Appeal Brief. However, if fees are due, or if these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and/or 1.136, for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this Amended Appeal Brief, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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AMENDED APPEAL BRIEF

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In response to a Final Rejection of claims 1-5 and 9-12 mailed on May 24, 2006, an Advisory Action mailed November 3, 2006, a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed December 19, 2006, and in support of a Notice of Appeal filed on November 22, 2006, the Appellant hereby submits this Amended Appeal Brief.

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I. REAL PARTY INTEREST

The real party in interest for this appeal is: LG Electronics Inc., the assignee of record.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other appeals or interferences that will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Total Number of Claims in the Application

There are 48 claims pending in this application.

Current Status of Claims

Claims canceled: None

Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: 6-8 and 13-48

Claims pending: 1-48

Claims allowed: None

Claims objected to: None

Claims rejected: 1-5 and 9-12

Claims on Appeal: 1-5 and 9-12

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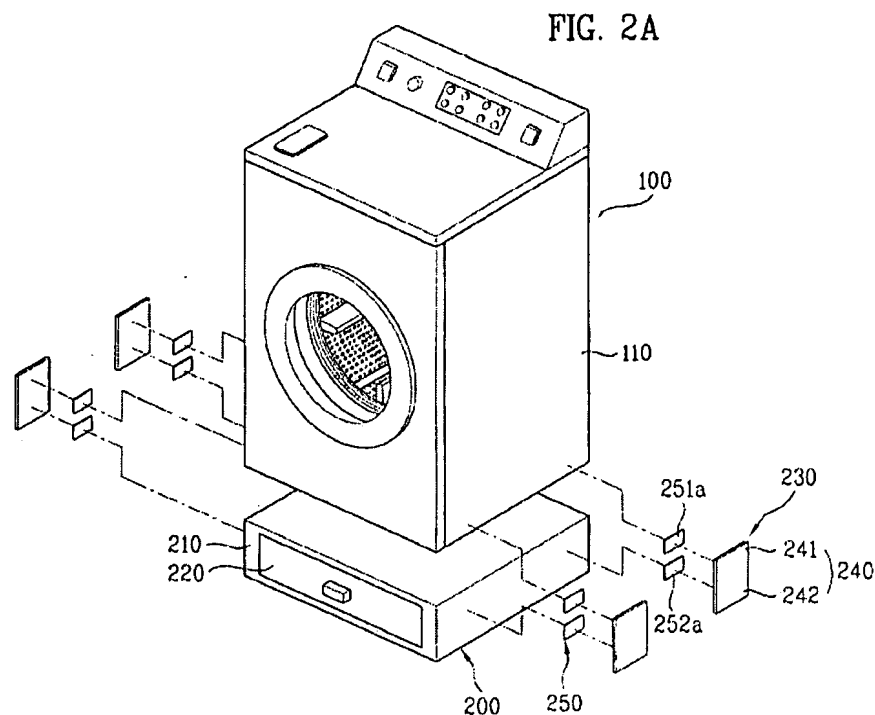
IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No amendments to the claims were made after final rejection.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The present invention is related to a pedestal for a washing machine or a laundry dryer. The invention may be generally explained with reference to FIG. 2A of present application (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/765,107 (the '*107 Application*')). FIG. 2A, reproduced below, illustrates a coupling of a washing machine with a pedestal in accordance with a first embodiment of the invention.

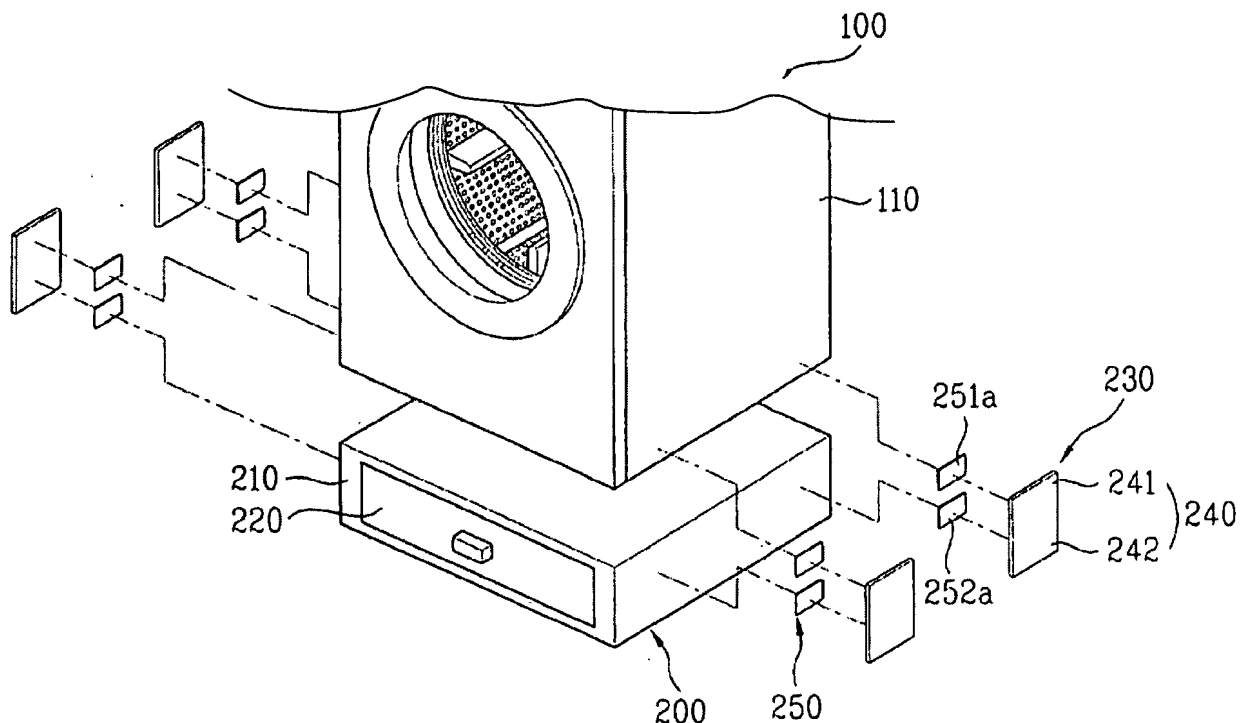
According to claim 1, the only independent claim on appeal, the pedestal 200 comprises a pedestal body 210 supporting a bottom portion of the washing machine or laundry dryer 100 and at least one coupling means 230 provided both to a lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and to a lateral side of the pedestal body. '*107 Application* at ¶¶ 0042, 0043.



As indicated in the claim, and as supported in the specification, one function of the coupling means 230 is to couple the washing machine or the laundry dryer 100 with the pedestal body 210.

Id. at ¶ 0042. The specification and drawings describe and illustrate various embodiments of coupling means, which are described and identified below with reference to the various dependent claims on appeal.

The coupling means of claim 1 is described (with reference to claim 2) as including a coupling member 240 and a fastening member 250. *Id.* at ¶ 0043. An expanded portion of FIG. 2A is reproduced below. In the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 2A, “the coupling member 240 may couple sides of the hexahedral pedestal [200] and the hexahedral washing machine [100] at opposite two sides where the hexahedral pedestal and the hexahedral washing machine are in contact.” *Id.* at ¶ 0044.

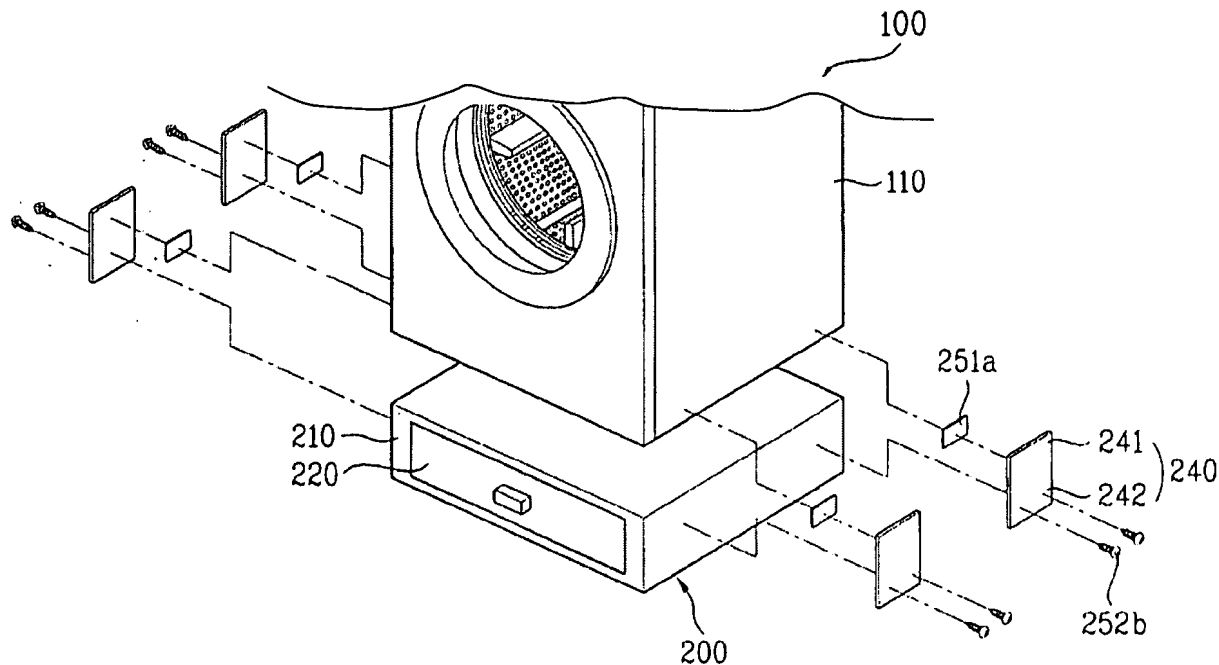


Portion of FIG. 2A of the '107 Application

According to claim 3, the fastening member of claim 2 includes a first fastening member (251a) for fastening an upper part (241) of the coupling member (240) to the lateral side of a lower part of the washing machine (100) or the laundry dryer, and a second fastening member (252a) for

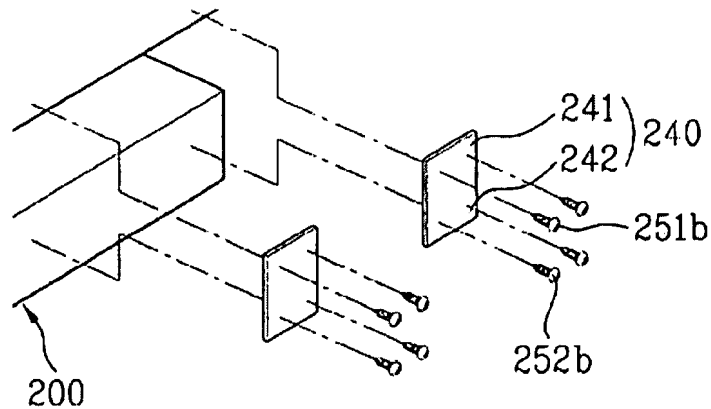
fastening a lower part (242) of the coupling member (240) to the lateral side of an upper part of the pedestal (200). *Id.* at ¶ 0045.

The specification provides additional examples of fastening members. As illustrated in FIG. 4A, a portion of which is shown below, “at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member may be fastening means, such as a screw 252b, or 252b [sic].” *Id.* at ¶ 0045; *see id.* at ¶ 0052. In the exemplary embodiment of FIG. 4A, “the first fastening member 251 is the double sided tape 251a, and the second fastening member 252 is a screw 252b.” *Id.* at ¶ 52; *see id.* at ¶ 0046. “Though not shown, the coupling member may be adhered with a bond.” *Id.* at ¶ 0055.



Portion of FIG. 4A of the '107 Application

FIG. 5 illustrates an exemplary embodiment where “both the first fastening member and the second fastening member are screws 251a and 251b.” A portion of FIG 5 is reproduced below.



Portion of FIG. 5 of the '107 Application

In at least one embodiment, the specification describes coupling means 230 (FIG. 2A) as being “fabricated to enable to adjust [sic] a height of the washing machine or the laundry dryer.” *Id.* at ¶ 0047. An exemplary embodiment is illustrated in FIG. 3A, reproduced below.

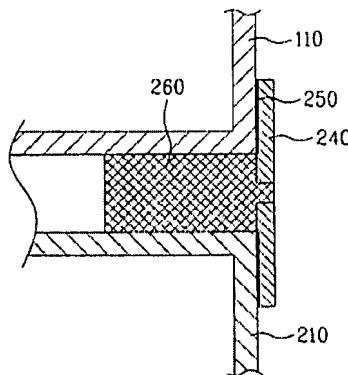


FIG. 3A of the '107 Application

As described in the specification, “coupling means 230 [FIG. 2A] includes a coupling member 240 in contact with sides both of the washing machine 100 [FIG. 2A] or the laundry dryer, fastening members [250] for fastening the coupling member [240] to the sides both of the washing machine 100 [FIG. 2A] or the laundry dryer, and the pedestal body 210, and gap adjusting members 260 for maintaining a space between a bottom of the washing machine 100 [FIG. 2A] or the laundry dryer, and a top of the pedestal body 210 at a preset gap.” *Id.* at ¶ 0049.

Claim 4 narrows claim 3 by requiring that at least one of the first and second fastening members have an adhesive material coated on both sides of the fastening member. *Id.* at ¶ 0046. Claim 5 further limits claim 4 by requiring the adhesive material to be double sided tape. *Id.* at ¶¶ 0046, 0052.

Claims 9 and 10 recite additional limitations on the pedestal body of claim 1. Claim 9 further limits claim 1 by requiring the pedestal body to “include a receiving part for putting things therein.” Claim 10 further limits the receiving part of claim 9 to be “a drawer for opening a front part of the pedestal body.”

Claims 11 and 12 provide further limitations on the coupling means of claim 1. Claim 11 further limits claim 1 by requiring that the coupling means be “designed to adjust a height of the washing machine or the laundry dryer.” *See also id.* at ¶¶ 0047-49. Claim 12 further limits the coupling means of claim 11 to include a coupling member, “detachable gap adjusting members having different thicknesses to be fitted to the coupling member for maintaining a preset gap between a bottom of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and a top of the pedestal body,” and fastening members. *See also id.* at ¶¶ 0049-0051.

VI. GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

1) Whether claims 1-5, 9, 11, and 12 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over German publication DE 198 38 631 (hereinafter *DE '631*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,578,902 to Sill (hereinafter *Sill*). *See Office Action mailed May 24, 2006* at § 3.

2) Whether claim 10 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *DE '631* and *Sill*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,756,984 to Mason (hereinafter *Mason*). *See Office Action mailed May 24, 2006* at § 4.

3) Whether claims 1-5, 9, and 10 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over “Applicant’s Prior Art Admission – figures 1A-1B and correlating information disclosed in the specification” (hereinafter APAA) in view of *Sill*. *See Office Action mailed May 24, 2006* at § 5.

VII. ARGUMENT

The Examiner's final rejections are improper. In light of well-understood patent law, the Examiner's use of non-analogous art is unreasonable. Rationalization of the Examiner's selection of art is only possible in light of impermissible hindsight reasoning. Reversal of all rejections is called for.

1) Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *DE '631* in view of *Sill*

A) Claims 1-5, 9, 11, and 12

The Examiner understands that *DE '631* fails to describe every element of independent claim 1. *See Office Action mailed May 24, 2006* at p. 5, § 6 (stating: "Applicant's amendments to the claims filed March 6, 2006, with respect to the German publication [*DE '631*] have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore the [35 U.S.C. § 102(b)] rejection [of claim 1] has been withdrawn."). Recognizing that *DE '631* could not support a rejection based on anticipation, the Examiner searched for a reference that that included one of more of the elements missing from *DE '631*. Impermissible hindsight reasoning, however, tainted the Examiner's search.

Unable to find a reference to cure the deficiencies of *DE '631* in the field of art that was analogous to that of Appellant's, the Examiner used hindsight reasoning and searched through the great volume of non-analogous art at his disposal to find an isolated mechanical feature of the *Sill* reference that could allegedly cure the deficiencies of *DE '631* as applied to the claims 1-5, 9, 11, and 12 of the '*107 Application*. The Examiner's use of hindsight reasoning to identify *Sill*, and the subsequent rejection of claims 1-5, 9, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *DE '631* in view of the non-analogous art *Sill* reference, are consequently improper and should be reversed.

An examiner must make use of analogous prior art when analyzing the obviousness of a claimed invention. *See* M.P.E.P. § 2141.01(a). "In order to rely on a reference as a basis for rejection of an applicant's invention, the reference must either be in the field of applicant's endeavor or, if not, then be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the inventor was concerned." *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443, 1446 (Fed. Cir. 1992). "A reference is reasonably

pertinent if, even though it may be in a different field from that of the inventor's endeavor, it is one which, because of the matter with which it deals, logically would have commended itself to an inventor's attention in considering his problem.” *In re Clay*, 966 F.2d 656, 659 (Fed. Cir. 1992). Where the general scope of a reference is outside the pertinent field of endeavor, the reference may be considered analogous art if subject matter disclosed therein is relevant to the particular problem with which the inventor is involved. *Wang Labs. Inc. v. Toshiba Corp.*, 993 F.2d 858, 864 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

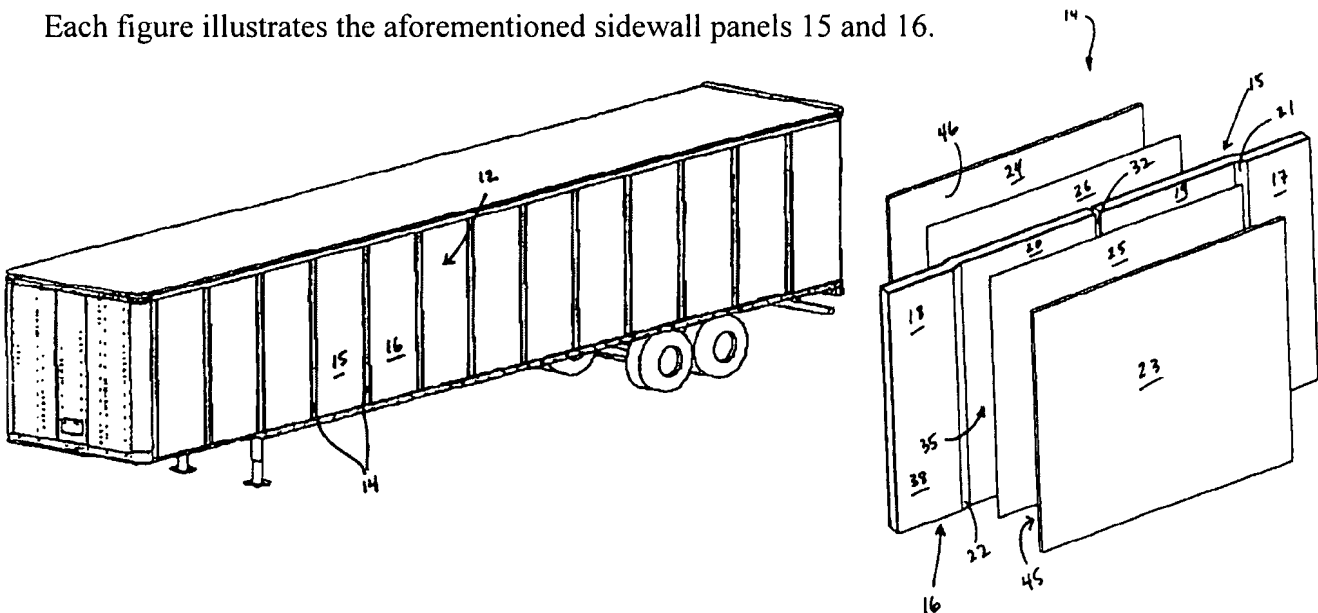
When considering the obviousness of an invention, “[t]he invention must be viewed not after the blueprint has been drawn by the inventor, but as it would have been perceived in the state of the art that existed at the time the invention was made.” *Sensonics, Inc. v. Aerosonic Corp.*, 81 F.3d 1566, 1570 (Fed. Cir. 1996) (citing *Interconnect Planning Corp. v. Feil*, 774 F.2d 1132, 1138 (Fed.Cir.1985)). “To draw on hindsight knowledge of the patented invention, when the prior art does not contain or suggest that knowledge, is to use the invention as a template for its own reconstruction--an illogical and inappropriate process by which to determine patentability.” *Id.* (citing *W.L. Gore & Assoc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 721 F.2d 1540, 1553 (Fed.Cir.1983)).

The Examiner acquiesced to the fact that *Sill* is not in the field of Appellant's endeavor. *See Advisory Action mailed November 3, 2006* at p. 2, § 11 (submitting that the *Sill* reference is reasonably pertinent even though it is not in the same field as the applicant's endeavor). The Examiner incorrectly implies that subject matter disclosed in *Sill* is relevant to the particular problem with which the inventor of the '107 Application was concerned. *Id.* Appellant asserts the opposite with respect to relevance. In the Examiner's opinion, *Sill* is relevant because “it is one that because of the issue with which it deals, would logically have commended itself to an applicant's attention in consideration of a problem similar in scope.” *Id.* (emphasis added). The Examiner, however, failed to consider fully the issue dealt with by *Sill*. Consequently, the basis for the Examiner's assertion is wholly incorrect.

The issues and subject matter dealt with by *Sill* are not relevant or even akin to the particular problems addressed by the inventor of the '107 Application. The '107 Application deals with the

problems of, at least, improving the ease of mounting a pedestal to a washing machine or laundry dryer and dampening vibration/attenuating noise generated by a washing machine/laundry dryer and pedestal during operation of those devices. See '107 Application at ¶ 0012. In contrast, the subject matter of *Sill* is relevant to the problem of “reduc[ing] or eliminat[ing] protrusions in the interior of [a truck trailer comprised of multiple sidewall panels, without a requirement for] the coining or stamping of the edges of consecutive sidewall panels.” *Sill* at col. 2, lines 51-54. Had the Examiner considered the problem dealt with by *Sill*, he would have recognized that the subject matter disclosed in *Sill* was not is relevant to the particular problems addressed by the '107 Application.

Sill is directed at solving a problem that is wholly unrelated to the problem addressed by the '107 Application. *Sill* is directed toward the problem of “reduc[ing] or eliminat[ing] protrusions in the interior of [a truck trailer comprised of multiple sidewall panels, without a requirement for] the coining or stamping of the edges of consecutive sidewall panels.” *Sill* at col. 2, lines 51-54. *Sill*'s FIG. 1, reproduced below, illustrates a truck trailer 10 having wall joints 14, according to *Sill*'s invention. *Sill*'s FIG. 2, also reproduced below, illustrates an embodiment of *Sill*'s wall joint 14. Each figure illustrates the aforementioned sidewall panels 15 and 16.



FIGS. 1 and 2 of *Sill*

Sill relates to a wall joint configured to reduce or eliminate protrusions of wall retaining hardware that could catch or snag freight as the freight was being loaded or unloaded from an

interior of a truck's trailer. *See id.* The problem included a severe compromise of the structural strength of a trailer's composite or solid sidewall panels by the then prevalent practice of coining (i.e., stamping) the edges of the panels prior to abutting them to one another, thereby providing a recessed space to reduce protrusions of panel connecting hardware into the open cargo area of the trailer.

Coining is required to reduce the thickness of the panels along abutting edges. The problems related to coining the edges of composite panels include reducing the amount of plastic core material at the edges of the panel or severely compressing that core material. *Id.* at col. 2, lines 20-29. Issues related to the coining or stamping of solid aluminum panels include the fact that the "solid nature of aluminum panels makes them difficult to coin and, once coined, the stress on the aluminum can compromise its integrity." *Id.* at col. 2, lines 32-35. *Sill's* problems and issues are simply not pertinent to the problems and issues facing the inventor of the '*107 Application*. Those problems included at least one or more of improving the ease of mounting a pedestal to a washing machine or laundry dryer and dampening vibration/attenuating noise generated by the washing machine/laundry dryer and pedestal during operation of those devices. *See '107 Application* at ¶¶ 0010-0012. The scope of *Sill's* invention is not similar to the scope of the invention as claimed in the '*107 Application*. In general, *Sill* would never have logically come to the attention of a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the '*107* invention, when that person was considering the problems addressed by the '*107* invention.

Sill is neither a reference that would logically have commended itself to the '*107 Application's* inventor's attention in considering his problem, nor could *Sill* be considered as relevant to the particular problem with which the inventor was concerned. That is, *Sill* does not address a problem that is similar in scope to that of the '*107 Application*. For example, *Sill's* embodiments illustrate the use of both interior and exterior splicer plates. *Sill* at col. 4, lines 43-47 (describing ref. nos. 23 and 24 of FIGS. 2 and 3); FIGS. 4 and 5 (ref. nos. 123 and 124). By way of distinction, at least one of the problems addressed by the '*107 Application* was the improvement of the ease of mounting a pedestal to a washing machine or laundry dryer. An inventor considering the problems to be addressed by the '*107 Application* would not have been drawn to *Sill's* invention, at

least because the placement of splicer plates on both an interior and exterior of a washing machine/laundry dryer and pedestal would diminish, not improve, the ease of mounting the pedestal. Again, by way of distinction, at least one of the other problems addressed by the '*107 Application* was dampening vibration / attenuating noise generated by the washing machine/laundry dryer and pedestal during operation of those devices. However, *Sill* is wholly silent with respect to any teaching concerning dampening vibration or attenuating noise generated by sidewall panels. *Sill* has nothing to contribute in this regard.

The metal cabinetry that forms the housings that would be familiar to those of skill in the art of the invention as claimed are incomparable to the large and heavy sidewall panels used in land-vehicle trailers applicable to *Sill*'s invention. Indeed, the Examiner's own searches, recorded in the '*107 Application*'s filewrapper, point up the Examiner's belief that related art would not be found in art related to land vehicle cargo trailers, but rather in art related to supports for cabinet structures, or pedestals upon which a machine (such as a washer, laundry dryer, or refrigerator) might rest. See Examiner's Search Notes (part of paper no. 20050930), attached hereto in Evidence Appendix, (searching U.S. classes/subclasses 312/351.1, /351.2, /352, /257.1, /107 as well as 248/673, /678, /680, and /551). Only impermissible hindsight reasoning can explain the Examiner's identification of *Sill*.

The Examiner conceded, in his reply to Applicant's March 6, 2006 filing, that *DE '631* (titled "Support Base for Household Appliances") and *Mason* (titled "Refrigerator Cabinet"), taken either individually or in combination, failed to teach or suggest "at least one coupling means provided both to a lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and a lateral side of the pedestal body for coupling the washing machine or the laundry dryer with the pedestal body," as recited in independent claim 1. See, e.g., *Office Action mailed May 24, 2006* at p. 5, § 6. The Examiner was not able to identify analogous art to cure the deficiencies of *DE '631* or *Mason* within the universe of art that would be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the '*107 Application* was concerned. The Examiner used his knowledge of a missing claim element to search for and discover the non-analogous art *Sill* reference. *Sill* is both not pertinent and non-analogous to the '*107 Application*. *Sill* simply does not deal with any issue that would logically have commended

itself to an inventor's attention in consideration of the problems addressed by the '*107 Application*. *Sill* could only be identified using the Applicant's specification as a blueprint. The Examiner identified *Sill* using impermissible hindsight reasoning.

The Examiner uses flawed reasoning to justify the use of *Sill*. Flaws exist because the Examiner closes his eyes to the real problems addressed by *Sill*. The Examiner incorrectly assumed that *Sill* must be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the inventor of the '*107 Application* was concerned. The Examiner stated that "*Sill* teaches the known use of a coupling member ... *Sill* specifically states in Col. 3, that sidewall panels are positioned next to each other and splicer plates are utilized having an adhesive means on each side of the panels to form a joint." *Advisory Action mailed November 3, 2006* at p. 2, cont. of § 11. The coincidence that a reference, which is not in the inventor's field of endeavor, includes a coupling member, in-and-of-itself, does not make the reference reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the inventor was concerned.

Sill is not reasonably pertinent to the inventions as claimed in the '*107 Application* because it is not in the same field as that of the '*107 invention and does not concern itself with issues or problems that are similar in scope to those addressed by the '*107 Application*. Because the Examiner used impermissible hindsight reasoning in his selection of the non-analogous *Sill* reference, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of independent claim 1 in view of *Sill* should be reversed. Because claims 2-5 and 9-11 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 1, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of those claims should likewise be reversed.*

2) Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *DE '631* and *Sill* and further in view of *Mason*

A) Claim 10

The Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *DE '631* in view of *Sill* and further in view of *Mason*. As discussed above, *Sill* is non-analogous art. Only impermissible hindsight reasoning could rationalize the use of *Sill*. Accordingly, *Sill* cannot be relied on as a 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) reference in a rejection of the claims of the '*107 Application*.

The Examiner has already conceded to the fact *DE '631* and *Mason*, either alone or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the claims under appeal obvious. See *Office Action mailed May 24, 2006* at p. 5, § 6. Accordingly, for at least all of the reasons stated above, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 10 over *DE '631* and *Sill*, and further in view of *Mason* should be reversed.

3) Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Applicant's Prior Art Admission in view of *Sill*

A) Claims 1-5, 9, and 10

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Applicant's Prior Art Admission – figures 1A-1B and correlating information disclosed in the specification" (hereinafter *APAA*) in view of *Sill*. *APAA*, in FIG. 1A of the '*107 Application*, illustrates a pedestal 20 used in conjunction with a washing machine 10. *APAA*, in FIG. 1B of the '*107 Application*, illustrates a chart depicting vibration at different points on a washing machine. Neither figure even remotely illustrates "at least one coupling means provided to a lateral side of the washing machine or laundry dryer and a lateral side of the pedestal body for coupling the washing machine or the laundry dryer with the pedestal body," as recited in independent claim 1. Thus, Appellant asserts that *APAA* fails to describe, teach, or suggest all elements of independent claim 1 and claims 2-5, 9, and 10, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1.

Sill fails to cure the deficiencies of *APAA*. As discussed above, *Sill* is not in the same field of endeavor as the claimed invention. *Sill* is not relevant to the particular problem with which the inventor the '*107 Application* was involved. *Sill* is not a reference that would have commended itself to the attention of an inventor concerned with the problems addressed by the '*107 Application*. *Sill* is non-analogous art. *Sill*'s use can only be rationalized through impermissible hindsight reasoning. Accordingly, *Sill* cannot be relied on as a 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) reference in a rejection of the claims of the '*107 Application*. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of independent claim 1 over *APAA* in view of the non-analogous and impermissibly applied *Sill* should be reversed. Because claims 2-5, 9, and 10 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 1, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of those claims should likewise be reversed.

VIII. CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Appellants respectfully request that this Honorable Board find that *Sill* is non-analogous art that was applied using impermissible hindsight reasoning. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-5, 9, 11, and 12 over *DE '631* in view of *Sill* is improper and should be reversed. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 10 over *DE '631* and *Sill*, and further in view of *Mason* is improper and should be reversed. The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 1-5, 9, and 10 over APAA in view of *Sill* is improper and should be reversed.

The Claims Appendix contains the set of claims involved in the present appeal. The Evidence Appendix contains a copy of the Examiner's Search Notes (part of Paper No. 20050930) and a copy of *Sill*.

It is believed that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Amended Appeal Brief. However, if fees are due, or if these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and/or 1.136, for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this Amended Appeal Brief, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

Claims Involved in the Appeal of Application Serial No. 10/765,107

1. (Previously Presented) A pedestal for a washing machine or a laundry dryer, said pedestal comprising:

a pedestal body supporting a bottom portion of the washing machine or laundry dryer; and

at least one coupling means provided both to a lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and a lateral side of the pedestal body for coupling the washing machine or the laundry dryer with the pedestal body.

2. (Previously Presented) The pedestal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling means includes:

a coupling member provided both to the lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and the lateral side of the pedestal body under the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and

a fastening member for fastening the coupling member to the lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and the lateral side of the pedestal body, respectively.

3. (Previously Presented) The pedestal as claimed in claim 2, wherein the fastening member includes:

a first fastening member for fastening an upper part of the coupling member to the lateral side of a lower part of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and

a second fastening member for fastening a lower part of the coupling member to the lateral side of an upper part of the pedestal.

4. (Original) The pedestal as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of first fastening member and the second fastening member has an adhesive material coated on both sides thereof.
5. (Original) The pedestal as claimed in claim 4, wherein the fastening member having the adhesive material coated on both sides thereof is double sided tape.
6. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member is screw.
7. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member has an adhesive material coated on both sides thereof, and rest one is a screw.
8. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fastening member having the adhesive material coated on both sides thereof is double sided tape.
9. (Previously Presented) The pedestal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pedestal body further includes a receiving part for putting things therein.
10. (Original) The pedestal as claimed in claim 9, wherein the receiving part is a drawer for opening a front part of the pedestal body.

11. (Original) The pedestal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling means is designed to adjust a height of the washing machine or the laundry dryer.

12. (Previously Presented) The pedestal as claimed in claim 11, wherein the coupling means includes:

a coupling member provided both to the lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and the lateral side of the pedestal body under the washing machine or the laundry dryer,

detachable gap adjusting members having different thicknesses to be fitted to the coupling member for maintaining a preset gap between a bottom of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and a top of the pedestal body, and

fastening members for fastening the coupling member to the lateral side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and the lateral side of the pedestal body, respectively.

13. (Withdrawn) A pedestal comprising:

a pedestal body for supporting a bottom of a washing machine or a laundry dryer to a height; a corner supporting member fitted to a lower corner of the washing machine or the laundry; and

coupling means provided to a side of the corner supporting member and a side of the pedestal body for fastening the corner supporting member to the pedestal body.

14. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 13, wherein the coupling means includes;

a coupling member in contact with a side of the corner supporting member and a side of the pedestal body, and

a fastening member for fastening the coupling member to the side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and the side of the pedestal body.

15. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fastening member includes;

a first fastening member for fastening an upper part of the coupling member to a side of the corner supporting member, and

a second fastening member for fastening a lower part of the fastening member to an upper part of a side of the pedestal.

16. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the first fastening member and the second fastening member has an adhesive material coated on both sides thereof

17. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 16, wherein the fastening member having the adhesive material coated on both sides thereof is double sided tape.

18. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member is screw.

19. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member has an adhesive material coated on both sides thereof, and rest one is a screw.

20. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 19, wherein the fastening member having the adhesive material coated on both sides thereof is double sided tape.

21. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 13, wherein the corner supporting member includes;

a horizontal panel held horizontal to, and supporting a bottom of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and

a vertical bent part bent vertically from one end of the horizontal panel and in contact with an upper part of the pedestal body.

22. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 13, wherein the pedestal body further includes a receiving part for receiving things.

23. (Withdrawn) A pedestal comprising:

a pedestal body for supporting a bottom of a washing machine or a laundry dryer to a height;
and

leg supporters on top of the pedestal body, for supporting sides of the lower legs of the washing machine or a laundry dryer, and fastening the washing machine or the laundry dryer to the pedestal body.

24. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 23, wherein the leg supporter includes; a first seating hole for seating a leg of the washing machine, and a second seating hole for seating a leg of the laundry dryer.

25. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 24, wherein the leg supporters are fixed to four points of a top of the pedestal body.

26. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 25, wherein the four points are four corners of the top of the pedestal body.

27. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 26, wherein the first seating hole and the second seating hole are connected to each other in each of the leg supporters fixed to front corners of the pedestal body respectively, and the first seating hole and the second seating hole are separated from each other in each of the leg supporters fixed to rear corners of the pedestal body, respectively.

28. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 27, wherein the two leg supporters fixed to the front corners of the pedestal body are fastened to support a bottom of a front part of the washing machine.

29. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 28, wherein each of the leg supporters fixed to one of the front corners of the pedestal body further includes a supporting part projected forward of the pedestal for supporting a bottom of a front part of the washing machine.

30. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 27, wherein the two leg supporters fixed to rear corners of the pedestal body are fastened to a lower part of rear side of the washing machine.

31. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 23, wherein the pedestal body further includes a receiving part for putting things therein.

32. (Withdrawn) A pedestal comprising:

a pedestal body for supporting a bottom of a washing machine or a laundry dryer to a height,
leg supporters on top of the pedestal body for supporting sides of lower legs of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and

at least one coupling means at a side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and a side of the pedestal body, for coupling the washing machine or the laundry dryer with the pedestal body.

33. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 32, wherein the leg supporter includes; a panel having a first seating hole for seating a washing machine leg, and a second seating hole for seating a laundry dryer leg.

34. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leg supporters are fixed to corners of the top of the pedestal body.

35. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 34, wherein the first seating hole and the second seating hole are connected to each other in each of the leg supporters fixed to front corners of the pedestal body respectively, and the first seating hole and the second seating hole are separated from each other in each of the leg supporters fixed to rear corners of the pedestal body, respectively.

36. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 35, wherein the leg supporter is fastened to a top of the pedestal body with a screw.

37. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 32, wherein the coupling means includes;
a coupling member provided so as to be in contact both with a side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and a side of the pedestal body under the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and

fastening members for fastening the coupling member to the side of the washing machine or the laundry dryer and the side of the pedestal body, respectively.

38. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 37, wherein the fastening member includes; first fastening members for fastening an upper part of the coupling member to the side of a lower part of the washing machine or the laundry dryer, and second fastening members for fastening a lower part of the coupling member to the side of an upper part of the pedestal.

39. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 38, wherein at least one of the first fastening member and the second fastening member has an adhesive material coated on both sides thereof.

40. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 39, wherein the fastening member having the adhesive material coated on both sides thereof is double sided tape.

41. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 38, wherein at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member is screw.

42. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 38, wherein at least one of the first fastening member or the second fastening member has an adhesive material coated on both sides thereof, and rest one is a screw.

43. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 42, wherein the fastening member having the adhesive material coated on both sides thereof is double sided tape.

44. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 37, wherein the coupling means is designed to couple the washing machine or the laundry dryer to the pedestal body according to a height variation of legs of the washing machine or the laundry dryer.

45. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 44, wherein the fastening member is screw.

46. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 45, wherein the coupling member includes fastening holes at preset intervals from a bottom to a top thereof

47. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 32, wherein the pedestal body further includes a receiving part for putting things therein.

48. (Withdrawn) The pedestal as claimed in claim 47, wherein the receiving part is a drawer for opening a front part of the pedestal body.

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